

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

(Winchester M.R.A.)

Town WINCHESTER

Address 230 Main Street

Historic Name Marshall Symmes House

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date circa 1817

Source Chapman's History of Winchester

Style Federal

Architect anonymous

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard, brick en

Outbuildings garage / No

Major Alterations (with dates) sash replac  
ment, Colonial Revival entrance porch  
dates unknown.

Condition Excellent

Moved no

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage .39 acre

08-0016

Setting Suburban residential along  
major early thoroughfare.

Recorded by Bettina Cooper, Carol Ely

Organization Winchester Historical Comm

Date 8/78; 10/87 revised by H. White

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.



UTM REFERENCE 19, 324280, 47 00900

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Marshall Symmes House is important as a rare example in Winchester of a brick-ended Federal period dwelling, and for its associations with the Symmes family, whose members were among Winchester's first settlers. The Marshall Symmes House therefore meets Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

## ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

The Marshall Symmes House (c.1817) is a well-preserved example of a brick-ended Federal period house. The Marshall Symmes House is one of two dwellings dating from the Federal period associated with the Symmes family. The other is the nearby Deacon John Symmes House (#298), circa 1807, 212-214 Main Street.

The Marshall Symmes House is a two and one-half story, rectangular plan dwelling with a gable roof of low pitch, and paired end chimneys. It exhibits the characteristic five-bay facade of the Federal style, with paired outer windows and the center window aligned with the entrance. Notable features include the center entrance with leaded glass fanlight and sidelights, and the narrow corner pilasters.

## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

The Marshall Symmes House is one of several Symmes family dwellings located in the vicinity of Symmes Corner, the area near the intersection of Main Street, Bacon Street and Grove Street. The Symmes family members were among Winchester's first settlers. The Reverend Zachariah Symmes, minister of the Charlestown Church, received a land grant of approximately 300 acres centered around present-day Symmes Corner. Although Reverend Symmes remained in Charlestown, his sons moved to Winchester and began farming shortly after 1650. Marshall Symmes, a grandson of Zachariah Symmes, lived from 1789-1889. Marshall was a blacksmith with a shop at the corner of Main and Bacon Streets. He built this house in 1817, at the time of his marriage to Relief (Lephe) Stowell (for whom nearby Stowell Road is named). Marshall's brother John was the Deacon of the Medford Congregational Church, and lived in the nearby house (c.1807) at 212-214 Main Street.

The Marshall Symmes House has been in continuous ownership by members of the Symmes family from the time of its construction in c.1817 until the present.

Two other nearby streets, Marshall Road, and Symmes Road are named for the original occupant of this house.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

History of Winchester, by Henry Chapman.  
Symmes Memorial, by J.A. Vinton

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Winchester	Form No: 300
Property Name: Marshall Symmes House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

## Chain of ownership:

1. Marshall Symmes 1817-1889
2. Charles T. Symmes 1890-1899
3. Charles H. Symmes 1900-1954
4. Chandler W. Symmes 1955-1977

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Winchester MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
51. Symmes, Deacon John, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
52. Symmes, Marshall, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
53. Symmes, Marshall, Tenant House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
54. Thompson, Abijah, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
55. Trowbridge--Badger House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
56. Vinton, Alfred, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
57. Wedgemere (H.D.) Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
58. White, S.B., House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____
59. Wildwood Cemetery Substantive Review	Keeper <u>Boyd Savage 7-5-89</u> Attest _____
60. Wyman, George, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 7/5/89</u> Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Symmes, Marshall, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Winchester MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 5/22/89      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/06/89  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/22/89      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/06/89  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000607

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    7/5/89 DATE    Entered in the  
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph  
 completeness  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps     USGS maps     photographs     presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Marshall Symmes House  
230 Main St. 1/88  
Winchester, Ma MRA

MHC Inv. # 300

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000303